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## **‘THE LOOKOUT’**

**SUNDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2020**  
**TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

**The church building will be open  
at the following times for private prayer:**

**MONDAY - SATURDAY 1400-1500**

**We look forward to welcoming you!**

**IT IS A LEGAL REQUIREMENT THAT YOU MUST WEAR A FACEMASK  
WHEN COMING TO CHURCH FOR PRIVATE PRAYER OR SERVICES**

Fr Anthony is saying prayers on behalf of the Parish at 0900 and 1700 each day.  
Join him spiritually whether you are at home or at work.

By 1000 each Sunday there is a pre-recorded Service of the Word  
on our website [www.stmargaret.org.uk](http://www.stmargaret.org.uk)

This will include the week's readings, a homily and intercessions.

Do share with those who do not have internet access that they can listen to the service  
on the 'phone by dialling **01273 92 12 32** at a standard call rate.

The service is also available on Alexa

First time: **“Alexa, enable St Margaret's Church, Rottingdean”**

Thereafter: **“Alexa, open St Margaret's Church, Rottingdean”**

*Do join us by listening at 1000 on Sundays or at some point in the week and encourage your friends  
and neighbours to listen too. And please pray for our church congregation, the wider community  
and all those affected by the Covid-19 pandemic.*

### **The Collect (Opening Prayer) for the Twelfth Sunday after Trinity**

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray  
and to give more than either we desire or deserve:  
pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy,  
forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid  
and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask  
but through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### **The Reading from the Old Testament – Jeremiah 15:15-21**

O Lord, you know; remember me and visit me,  
and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors.  
In your forbearance do not take me away; know that on your account I suffer insult.  
Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy  
and the delight of my heart;  
for I am called by your name, O Lord, God of hosts.  
I did not sit in the company of merrymakers, nor did I rejoice;  
under the weight of your hand I sat alone, for you had filled me with indignation.  
Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed?  
Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail.  
Therefore, thus says the Lord: If you turn back, I will take you back, and you shall stand before me.  
If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless, you shall serve as my mouth.  
It is they who will turn to you, not you who will turn to them.  
And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze;  
they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you,  
for I am with you to save you and deliver you, says the Lord.  
I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked, and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

### **The Gospel Reading – Matthew 16:21-28**

From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, 'God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling-block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.' Then Jesus told his disciples, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? 'For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.'

### **Prayers of Intercession**

***The sick and those who care for them:*** John Leech, Esmé von Habsburg, Andrew West, Jenny Edwards, Margaret Montagu, Deirdre West, Barbara Webb, Beryl Scott, Elizabeth Perkis, Pippa, Jill Crossland, Susan Wiltshire, Ian Aslett, Phil Gervait, Anne Smith, Sarah Neve, Gwendoline Lee, Chloe Grenier, Jean Talbot, Patrick Mills, Lissy Mason, Kate, Martina Hallinan, Jean Hughes, Terry Bourne, Anne Prout, David Crofts, Jim Heath, Kathleen Williams, Ann Hayes, Giles Henry, Geoff Blakey, Alan Stockley

**The recently departed:** Diane Matthes

**Anniversaries of death this week and last:** Pat Stone (23<sup>rd</sup>); Eileen Goding (24<sup>th</sup>); Lawrence Metcalfe (25<sup>th</sup>); Robert Hayes (25<sup>th</sup>); Paul Eardley (priest) (26<sup>th</sup>); Michael Pirrolli (27<sup>th</sup>); Rupert Webb (27<sup>th</sup>); David Edwards (29<sup>th</sup>); Patricia Barnes (29<sup>th</sup>); Geoff Baker (30<sup>th</sup>); Harry Draper (30<sup>th</sup>); Alice Hilton (30<sup>th</sup>); Norah Pitt (30<sup>th</sup>); Elizabeth Chamberlain-Webber (3<sup>rd</sup>); Fay Kingsford (4<sup>th</sup>); John Fearman (4<sup>th</sup>)

**Funerals this week:**

### **Post-Communion Prayer**

God of all mercy, in this Eucharist you have set aside our sins and given us your healing: grant that we who are made whole in Christ may bring that healing to this broken world, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS – THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY (PROPER 18)**

Ezekiel 33:7-11; Matthew 18:15-20

*Related reading – Psalm 119:33-40; Romans 13:8-14*

### **SUPPORT FOR THE FOODBANK IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN EVER**

Leave your donation in the porch on Sunday mornings or during private prayer opening hours:

Monday – Saturday 1400-1500

Financial donations can be made here:

<https://thewhitehawk.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-money/>



**Desperately needed this week:** rice pudding, tea, tinned vegetables, tinned fruit, carbonara sauce, long-life juice, meatballs, curry sauce, tinned curry (chicken/ vegetable), toilet roll. You can now make your donation through online supermarket shops. More details can be found here -

<https://thewhitehawk.foodbank.org.uk/2019/06/21/ordering-food-delivery-foodbank/>. Many thanks for your ongoing support of the Foodbank. Please pray for its work and volunteers, and for the increasing number of people who rely on its services.

### **Weekday Eucharist**

The Eucharist will be celebrated again this week on Thursday at 1000, especially for those who have been shielding or self-isolating in the past months. Please remember to bring your facemask to wear in church and be prepared to follow the directions of the steward. *Fr Anthony*

### **Sunday Eucharist – we're getting too full!**

It is good that more people are feeling confident about returning to church, but please do remember that numbers must be restricted – last week we squeezed in 36 people but that was getting uncomfortable. We originally said we could seat 30 people, and we should try to work to that number. So far, we have not had to turn anyone away but I'm afraid that we will have to if numbers are exceeding the safe limit. Please do not be offended! We are still operating on a first come, first seated basis, so please arrive in good time. If demand increases dramatically I will consider holding a second repeat service at 1130. Thank you for your understanding. *Fr Anthony*

### **Christmas Family & Elderly Shoebox Appeal**

Yes, the Shoebox Appeal is taking place this year, although the number of boxes sent is likely to be substantially fewer than in previous years, and we are modifying procedures for obvious reasons. I am willing to deliver leaflets, provide shoeboxes and collect them when ready, which must be by 31<sup>st</sup> October. So please, as individuals, support the Appeal. If you prefer to donate cash instead of goods for the boxes or donate by cheque (payable to Link to Hope), I am also willing to collect, maintaining physical distancing, of course. Thank you. *David Hunt*

## Annual Parochial Church Meeting

We have rescheduled the meeting, at which Churchwardens and members of the Parochial Church Council are elected (where any vacancies have arisen), for Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September at 7 p.m. Members of the church Electoral Roll are entitled to vote. If numbers exceed the limit required for safe 'social' distancing, we will hold the meeting in the churchyard.

## Fundraising

It was very good that we were able to raise the money for the urgent tower repairs relatively quickly. There are however quite a number of remaining repairs that were highlighted in the 2017 Quinquennial Inspection Report that will require our attention in the next couple of years: we may be spending a few more thousand pounds yet before we can sign off on that.

You may have noticed that the church clock has stopped? Other repair work is required to reseal the face to the wall (currently air and water are finding their way through the gaps) and, while that work is being done, it seems prudent to have the hour-hand repaired, the face repainted and the numbers and hands regilded. We have received an estimate for all that work – just under £3,000.

You will also remember that the Nave floor needs attention very soon: there is a serious problem with damp in the main body of the church and condensation/damp in and under the Nave platform. Tiles are coming loose and becoming potentially hazardous. This will be a very significant project. We also need to upgrade our toilet facilities (we have no accessible toilet or baby change facilities) and at this stage, we would be helped by a simple kitchenette. The cost of all this is likely to be in the region of £250,000 but even that would not make one accessible toilet that conforms to current legal requirements, and it would only give us one cubicle rather than the two we now have. The PCC has over the past 3 years been working with our Inspecting Architect to develop an exciting and more ambitious project costing in the region of £700,000 to be able to upgrade all our facilities and make the building fit for purpose and the flexible community resource that we wish it to be whilst retaining its beauty and integrity as a place of worship.

## GIVING TO ST MARGARET'S

If you are new to our church and are planning to become a regular worshipper with us – **welcome!** Our members give generously of their time, their talents and their wealth.

If you have a particular **skill or interest** that you might be able to offer, please speak with Fr Anthony.

Please consider signing up to the **Parish Giving Scheme** of regular donations to support our day-to-day activities: forms are available at the back of church.

Please also consider leaving a **legacy** to St Margaret's when writing your Will, and help to secure the building and our resources for future generations.

You might also be interested (when these things are possible again) in **sponsoring a concert** in our [Music at St Margaret's](#) series – sponsorship covers the cost of performers' fees and expenses and ensures that all monies raised from ticket sales can support the life and upkeep of our church.

## Floodlighting – suggested donation £32.50 for a month

*The church is being floodlit in the month of September by Elaine Eardley in loving memory of her husband, Paul, a priest, whose anniversary fell on 26<sup>th</sup> August.*

## Service 'phoneline - suggested donation £35.00 for a month

*The Service 'phoneline was sponsored in the month of June by Mary Hanna and also by David Hunt.*

*If you would like to sponsor the church floodlighting or the 'phoneline please contact Fr Anthony.*